



NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER City of Sanford Well(s) Tested Positive for Fecal Indicator

On March 19, 2013 during a routine monthly assessment of Sanford's water system, fecal indicators (bacteria also known as microbes) called Enterococci were detected in one of our well(s). As our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. The well that tested positive was taken out of service immediately following the detection.

What does this mean? Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

What is being done? The well that tested positive for Enterococci was taken offline and will be abandoned and replaced with a new well.

What should I do? You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions and you do not need to use alternate water supply i.e bottled water. If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can help by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. We are also providing updates on this situation via postings to the City website at www.sanfordfl.gov.

For more information, please contact Bill Marcous, Utility Manager, at 407 688-5105, William.Marcous@sanfordfl.gov or write to the City of Sanford Utility Department, P.O. Box 1788, Sanford, FL 32772-1788. State Water System ID# 3590205

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